

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of:**

Yin et al.

**Serial No.:** 09/293,188

**Filed:** April 16, 1999

**For:** METHOD OF FORMING  
INTERCONNECT STRUCTURE WITH  
INTERLAYER DIELECTRIC (as amended)

**Confirmation No.:** 4546

**Examiner:** P. Cao

**Group Art Unit:** 2814

**Attorney Docket No.:** 2269-6910.1US  
(97-1121.01/US)

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING  
May 10, 2007**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Final Office Action mailed April 16, 2007, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on July 16, 2007. This response is submitted on or before two months from the mailing date of the Final Office Action.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.